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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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This is in response to the Office Action which was mailed to Applicant on 08 October 2002, for the above-identified patent application. A telephone interview was conducted with the Examiner on 06 December 2002. Applicant considers this document to be filed in a timely manner.

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Please amend the Application as follows:

**In the Claims**

40 Please replace Claims 1, 7, 8,10, 12, 16, 21-23, 25 and 27, as amended below, with replacement Claims 1, 7, 8,10, 12, 16, 21-23, 25 and 27, as follows: